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Subject : Trilingual Word Processor

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We have the following information concerning the protection of the Trilingual World Processor under the "Copyright Laws."

Mr L.M. Mollogoda, Registrar of Patents and Trade Marks has confirmed that Computer Software cannot be patented, but that they can be protected under the "Copyright Laws." However, the inventor must build up his own evidence that he invented the process/machine/software etc. The fact that we registered a patent application, in itself, will be an important piece of evidence to show that we were first in the field. We have also had newspaper references regarding the discovery.

If anyone infringes on our rights, we can have recourse to the law.

One very important positive aspect of the copyright cover is that it is valid throughout the lifetime of the inventor and for 50 years thereafter.

Mr Mollogoda has confirmed that we already have the copyright cover.